

Sister Cora Snyder of McPherson, Kansas sends \$1.00 to be applied in sending the paper to the poor. Thanks, sister, your dollar may be the means of doing much good.

The revival meetings in the Moxham church continue with unabated interest. Already fifty-one accessions are reported. The prospects are good for as large a gathering as at Rosedale.

Sister Alice Grubb of North Liberty, Ohio, reports a revival meeting held by the pastor, Brother Grisso, resulting in nine accessions to the church. Brother Grisso is doing excellent work, and his people appreciate his services. He has been engaged as pastor for the second year.

The work in the Conemaugh congregation is moving along very nicely. Brother Koontz is keeping up a continual revival. February 7, at the morning service there were two confessions and at the evening service three more, making five for that day.

Sister Emma Houser sends us the following report: "Brother I. N. Miller has just closed a protracted meeting at LaPaz, Ind. Result, five confessions. He immediately commenced another revival at North Liberty, Ind. We hope that much good may be done there also."

Brother L. E. Fahrney of Sterling, Kansas, says: "I have received three copies of the EVANGELIST and have read the same with profit. Will say that I thank the sender. I always appreciate good reading matter. May God bless the EVANGELIST that it may do much good. May its columns be filled with such truths as will convince the sinner of the error of his way is my prayer."

The following is taken from the *Kittanning Free Press*: Henry Wampler of near Blanco, Pa., was killed Wednesday morning by being struck on the head by the limb of a falling tree that he had cut. Mr. Wampler had left his home in the morning to the tree, and not returning home for dinner search was made for him and his helpless body was found lying on the ground near the tree. The limb had struck with such force as to fracture his skull. Deceased was a brother of Rev. J. B. Wampler.

We take the following from a Johnstown paper: J. Calvin Crofford, son of Daniel Crofford and a well known machinist in the employ of the Cambria Iron company, was quietly united in marriage Thursday evening to Miss Anna Burkhart, daughter of Harrison Burkhart of Conemaugh, the ceremony taking place at 9:30 at the residence of the Rev. E. E. Haskins in the presence of two or three friends of the principals, Mr. Haskins officiating.

Immediately after the nuptial knot was tied the wedding party repaired to the residence of the groom's parents, where an elegant supper was served after the usual congratulations.

Brother J. L. Gillin writes that church work is moving forward nicely in his field of labor. Prayer meetings in town and country are well attended, and those who attend are being greatly helped spiritually. Last Sabbath Brother Gillin concluded a series of five sermons on the Holy Spirit in which a deep interest was manifested. On February 15 he preached on the "Prayer Covering" of I Cor. 11, of which he says: "A very large amount of what I consider exegesis of this passage has been made by the G. B.'s here. Laziness, the parent of ignorance still is the devil's right hand in leading some people astray. It seems strange that history should be summoned to decide the meaning of *baptizo* and not of the covering spoken of in I Cor. 11. May God deliver us and them too from ignorance and bigotry."

Notes and Comments.

The Greatest Need. A few weeks ago the Editor of the *Religious Telescope* sent the following question to a number of leading and successful workers in the church which he represents, and requested them to send written answers for publication: "What is the Greatest Need of the United Brethren church at the Present Time?" The answers to this question are interesting, and as the need of the Brethren church is about the same as that of the United Brethren, we give these answers without the comments of the writers. They are as follows: 1. Full Consecration to God. 2. Money. 3. Education of our People to give. 4. Co-operation. 5. Personal Acquaintance with Christ. 6. Burning Zeal for Souls. 7. Obedience to God. 8. Power from on High. 9. Full Surrender to Christ. 10. Men. To each of these answers sufficient reasons were assigned, one of which, that on Co-operation of Effort we give:

The greatest need of all churches is spiritual power, which comes from God through fixed conditions. But aside from spiritual power, the greatest need of our beloved Church is *concentration of effort*. This is the demand of the hour. It is greatly needed in all our work—educational, missionary, church-extension, etc. Instead of extending our borders during the next quadrennium, let us spend all the energy and means possible in intensifying our interests—in making permanent, strong and inspiring that which we already have. Why not *concentrate, systematize economize*?

The Sunday Evening Service. In our large cities pastors seem to have a great deal of trouble with the second Sabbath service, that is the evening service. The trouble is to draw a crowd. Pastors resort to special methods for the purpose of bringing the people out to the second service, but all the attractions aside from the Gospel have so far proven a failure. The minister of the Gospel should learn that if he can not draw a crowd by preaching the plain, simple Gospel to the people, then there must be something seriously wrong with the people, and it is doubtful whether he can do them any good, even if he should succeed in getting them to the second service by means of some special attractions. We take the following from the *Outlook*, every word of which we can endorse:

Many are resorting to special attractions in the way of music and general entertainment to secure a second audience. The impression has gone out that in order to attract a large evening audience the sermon must take a secondary and insignificant place. We venture to dissent. Wherever the sermon is given the most prominent place in the evening, and the work put upon it is as great, if not greater, than in the morning; wherever the subjects selected are level to the thought of the people—those in which all of the people are interested—there is no difficulty about a congregation. One of the prominent Brooklyn pastors tried the experiment of elaborate music and short sermons with fair success. He then changed his plan, and gave the evening service to lectures on spiritual subjects, in which he dealt with the profoundest questions of the spiritual life, doctrinal and exegetical, subjects about which people were thinking and about which they longed to know, with the result that the place was packed even though the sermons were seldom less than an

hour in length. Similar results have been obtained in the Old South Church in Boston, in the Union Park Church in Chicago, and in numerous other churches. We venture to suggest to those to whom the second service is a problem that, instead of preaching "sermonettes" and trusting to a choir to draw an audience, they select the deepest subjects about which they or their people ever think, that they deal with them without the slightest regard to tradition, asking only what is their meaning in the light of to day, and what application can be made of them in our time.

Heart Religion. Mr. D. L. Moody in his address to the College Boys, Carnegie Hall, Nov. 22, 1896, said: "There is too much head religion. The world is cursed with human religion. God's religion is in the heart; man's in the head. Where is yours? These are pointed remarks, but it is a question as to whether they are not misleading. The *Homiletic Review* makes the following comments on Mr. Moody's statements:

That is not entirely original. A colored preacher said long ago in a camp-meeting; "My brethren, hed 'ligion am no good. Git hart 'ligion. Wy, if yoh on'y git hed 'ligion, and sumbody cum long an' cut yoh head off, whar yohr 'ligion be den?" That was emphatic and conclusive.

But whether old or new, such exhortations are not always for the best. They may mistake the meaning of Scripture; for it takes both "head" and "heart" in the modern sense to make the "heart" in its comprehensive Bible meaning. Purely emotional religion—without any adequate basis of divine truth understood and believed—is as dangerous as it is evanescent. It may be just as true that there is too much "heart religion" as that there is too much "head religion."

The Brotherhood of Man. The following incident related by Rev. Albert Banks is a striking illustration of the power of the universal brotherhood of man:

Last Christmas Day in New York city a millionaire was driving down Fifth Avenue in his sleigh, when his high-spirited horse ran away. The sleigh was overturned, and the rich man and his coachman rolled in the snow together. As they struggled to their feet and turned to follow the runaway horse they saw the sleigh strike a poor pedlar and knock him into a heap, both runners passing over his body. The millionaire uttered a cry of dismay when he saw the ragged pedlar fall in the street, and leaving his valuable trotter to vanish in the distance he cast himself on his knees by the injured man, and lifted his blood-stained head tenderly in his arms. He got help as soon as possible, and himself assisted in carrying the poor fellow into a fashionable hotel near by, and sent for the doctor. Later he got him a comfortable room in a hospital and ordered that every possible attention should be given him. When the pedlar was seen by the reporter at the hospital and told that the man whose horse had run over him was a millionaire, he replied: "A millionaire, is he? Well, all I can say is that he's the whitest man I ever seen in all me life, an' I'll never say another word agin millionaires. I tell yer wott, that man is a wonder. Why, he—he—he went down on his marrow-bones in the snow alongsider me an' took my head on his knee, same as if I was his brother—an' it all bleedin' too." O brotherhood, how great is thy power! There is no quack way of bridging the so-called gulf between the rich and the poor, but with the brotherhood of Jesus Christ exemplified in his case, there is no gulf.